WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has stated that mental illness is our nation's number one health problem because : (1)Approximately twenty million people in the United States are suffering from some form of mental illness or emotional disturbance. (2) There are more people in hospitals with mental illness than with all other diseases combined, including cancer and heart disease; and,

WHEREAS, There is today vastly greater chance for the mentally ill to recover through enlightened community mental health services than in years gone by, and the South Dakota Mental Health Association is working for just such services in our State; and,

WHEREAS, May has been known as Mental Health Month throughout the United States for the past twenty-five years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1975, as

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I sincerely urge all of our citizens to support the South Dakota Mental Health Association in its public information and education programs, its campaign to raise one million pennies to fight mental illness in our schools; and its annual "Bell-Ringer" fund drive campaign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE